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RESPONSE TO NOTICE ON NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the notice mailed January 4, 2004, Applicants resubmit the Amendments to the Claims as attached hereto. It is believed the submission is in compliance with the rules. Entry and consideration of the preliminary amendment filed December 22, 2004, with the attached claims, is thus respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, he may contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Amendments to the Claims

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